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SUBJECT : VISIT OF CFL DELEGATION TO U.S.

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1. DELEGATION'S PRINCIPAL PURPOSE IS FRIENDSHIP VISIT AT INVITATION OF AFL/CIO PRESIDENT MEANY TO RENEW ASSOCIATIONS WITH LEADING U.S. LABOR FIGURES AND VISIT TRADE UNION OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK, CHICAGO, SEATTLE, SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES. DELEGATION WILL PROBABLY ALSO DISCUSS CONTINUED EFFORTS TO SET UP LABOR TRAINING PROGRAMS IN ROC AND IN U.S. DELEGATION MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY LU KUO-HUA, MAY INFORMALLY RAISE QUESTION OF POST-NORMALIZATION LABOR CONTACTS AND ASSOCIATIONS WITH AFL/CIO OFFICIALS, BUT IS NOT LIKELY TO DO SO WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

2. DELEGATION MAY SPECIFICALLY RAISE QUESTION OF DEPARTMENT OF LABOR OSHA TRAINING FOR PETRO-CHEMICAL PERSONNEL. OUR GUIDANCE RECEIVED IN RECENT LETTER FROM EA/RA LABOR ADVISOR DONALD S. HARRIS IS THAT U.S. WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO OSHA TRAINING PROGRAMS IN THE U.S. FOR ROC WORKERS PROVIDED THE COSTS OF SUCH PROGRAMS WERE MET ENTIRELY BY THE ROC.

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3. EMBASSY IS NOT AWARE OF ANY OTHER SPECIFIC TOPICS WHICH MIGHT BE RAISED BY CHINESE FEDERATION OF LABOR OFFICIALS. IN RECENT MEETING WITH EMBOFFS LU KUO-HUA ANGRILY DENOUNCED DRIFT OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY INCLUDING APPEASEMENT OF RUSSIANS, AND POINTED TO DANGERS OF NORMALIZATION FOR U.S. ASIAN POLICY. WE PRESUME HIS INTENT WAS TO MIRROR ASPECTS OF AFL/CIO OPPOSITION

TO NORMALIZATION AND DRAW ATTENTION TO THIS ORGANIZATION'S SUPPORT OF ROC.

4. CFL DELEGATION LEADERS ARE:

- WU PI-EN (0702/1801/1869), PRESIDENT OF THE CHINESE FEDERATION OF LABOR. BORN IN CHANGHUA COUNTY, TAIWAN IN 1923, GRADUATED FROM CHANGHUA SENIOR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL OF COMMERCE. HE PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF CHANGHUA COUNTY FEDERATION OF LABOR AND TAIWAN PROVINCIAL FEDERATION OF LABOR. HE WAS ELECTED MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FROM LABOR UNIONS IN A BY-ELECTION IN 1969 (LIFETIME POSITION) AND BOARD CHAIRMAN OF CHINESE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF LABOR IN 1976. WU HAS ATTENDED SEVERAL OVERSEAS CONFERENCES BUT IS NOT AS WELL KNOWN INTERNATIONALLY AS LU OR TENG.

- LU KUO-HUA (6428/0948/5478), SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CHINESE FEDERATION OF LABOR, IS 67 YEARS OLD, A NATIVE OF MUKDEN CITY AND A GRADUATE OF LAW AND POLITICS UNIVERSITY IN CHANGCHUN, KIRIN PROVINCE. HE PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE SAN MIN CHU I YOUTH CORPS IN MUKDEN, BOARD CHAIRMAN OF MUKDEN CITY LABOR ASSOCIATION, DIRECTOR, THE POLITICAL WARFARE DEPARTMENT OF THE 50TH DIVISION OF THE CHINESE ARMY, DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CHINESE FEDERATION

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OF LABOR. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND MEMBER OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SINCE FEBRUARY, 1978. HE HAS TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY WORLDWIDE AS A LABOR REPRESENTATIVE, IS WELL-KNOWN TO PROMINENT LABOR FIGURES IN THE U.S. AND IS THE LEADING LABOR FIGURE IN THE ROC.

- TSENG WANG-HSI (6772/2598/3305), STANDING MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHINESE FEDERATION OF LABOR, IS 75 YEARS OLD, A NATIVE OF HUNAN PROVINCE, A MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATE AND REVOLUTIONARY PRAGMATISM AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE GRADUATE. HE PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS A POST OFFICE EMPLOYEE AND NOW REPRESENTS THEM IN THE CHINESE FEDERATION OF LABOR. HE HAS SERVED AS DELEGATE TO A NUMBER OF LABOR CONFERENCES WORLDWIDE.

5. ADDITIONAL DELEGATES INCLUDE:

- KAO KUANG-I (7559/0342/7392), SECRETARY OF THE CHINESE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF LABOR

- CH'EN CH'I-HSI (7115/3217/6932), PRESIDENT OF
THE TAIWAN PROVINCIAL FEDERATION OF LABOR

- WANG CHUN (3769/0193), STANDING MEMBER, BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE CHINESE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF LABOR

- SHUI HSIANG-YUN (3055/4382/7189),
STANDING MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHINESE
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